

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 25, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1711**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland**

February 22, 2005

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An act to add Section 1261.3 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1711, as amended, Strickland. Health facilities: immunizations.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities by the State Department of Health Services. Existing law regulates the procedures to be performed on a patient of a health facility, including the administration of medication, upon the specific authorization in the patient medical record or a standing order prepared by authorized medical personnel.

Existing regulations of the department authorize the use of standing orders for specified patients when authorized by a person licensed to prescribe and prohibit the use of standing orders in skilled nursing facilities.

This bill would ~~provide that standing orders for immunizations may be used~~ *authorize a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist to administer influenza and pneumococcal immunizations without patient-specific orders in general acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, if the immunization policies and procedures are approved by designated medical personnel.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1261.3 is added to the Health and  
2     Safety Code, to read:  
3     1261.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~standing~~  
4     ~~orders for immunizations may be used in general acute care~~  
5     ~~hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.~~ *for a patient aged 19*  
6     *years or older, a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist may*  
7     *administer influenza and pneumococcal immunizations without*  
8     *patient-specific orders in a general acute care hospital, as*  
9     *defined in subdivision (a) of, or a skilled nursing facility, as*  
10    *defined in subdivision (c) of, Section 1250, when the general*  
11    *acute care hospital medical staff or the skilled nursing facility*  
12    *physician medical director has approved the immunization*  
13    *policies and procedures established by the facility.*